## LOCAL MATTERS.

DIGIS OF MR. THOMAS C. Errs .- Mr. tomas C. Epis, a highly-esteemed and reted citizen, died at his residence, corner of First and Baker streets, yesterday mornng shoth manifer of his age. Mr. Epps was for thiring: as a member of the City Council, and ved in Richmond about forty years. was a member of the Encampment of Old Fellows, and will be buried Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence.

DEATH.-Mr. Edward C. Lipscombe died very suddenly yesterday mornat the residence of his father, N. C. abe, Esq., northeast corner of Second rshall streets. He was perfectly well and during the day drove out to Grove church, in Hanover county, per with a friend in that neighbor ed returned home in the evening in t spirits and apparently in the best Sunday night be accompanied a usin to the Seventh-Street Christian and during the services was attacked

returning home after the services was followed by a fever, and he tled bed feeling quite sick, though there thought of dangerous illness. His ited his room about midnight, and the was getting along very well the influence of medicine that had hip. Yesterday morning, about a servant-girl went to awaken him if he intended to come down to : She found him dead. Dr. L. B. ards was sent for, and ascertained that s extinct, though he thought it probathat it had not been for more than an He gave as his opinion that death een caused by congestion of the brain yers likely while he was asleep, as there sign of the slightest struggle. De eased was in the twenty-third year of his age, was lately in the city employ, and was an active member of Company F of the First regiment. His funeral will take place to-

MIDNIGHT ASSAULT-ATTEMPTED ROBBERT OF AN AGED COUPLE IN THE SUBURBS .- At ck on Saturday night Mr. Elijah Priddy, a toll-gatherer on the Williamsburg road, just beyond the city limits, was awakened by a loud rap at his door. He called "What do you want?" and was an-. "I want to go through the gate." Mr. Priddy said, "Go through the side gate d it open;" but when the stranger that he had a beast he wanted t through, Mr. Priddy got up and opened door, with the intention of unlocking the toll-gate. Two white men instantly rushed in, and seizing the old man, three him down and tried to tie him; and a third ruthan came in, closed the door and held it Mrs. Priddy, though greatly frightened, slipped a pistol from under her pillow and ed to hand it to her husband one of the robbers seized the pistol, and the one at the door took a blanket and put it over her head and held her down on the bcd. After a desperate struggle to prevent being smothered the old lady succeeded in getting out of bed, and ran out into the road, where she cried "Murder!" "Murder!" at the op of her voice. Her screams were heard by Mr. Carter, who lives near by, and he came to their assistance as soon as possible but the villains took flight before he arrived. taking with them only the pistol.

Mr. and Mrs. Priddy are nearly sevent years old, and are well known in the county as quiet, respectable people. The cowardly robbers no doubt knew the tolls collected during the week were in the house, and out much resistance or dauger.

RUNAWAY Accident .- On Sunday afternoon a horse attached to a buggy in which two negro men were seated took fright on Broad street and ran away. The negro men were both thrown out and injured. The horse, which belonged to Colonel J. L. Carrington, had a leg broken, and the buggy was badly smashed.

THE FIRE YESTERDAY MORNING .- The Fire Department responded promptly yesterday to an alarm turned in about 11:30 o'clock at Box No. 5, Third-street engine-house. The the roof of a dwelling house at the corner est in the undivided real estate of his of Third and Clay streets, being communicated by sparks from a chimney. Damage slight, notwithstanding the fact that a high wind was prevailing at the time.

FUNERAL OF MR. DOMMLER .- The funeral of Mr. Henry Dominler, which took place Sunday afternoon, was attended by five soeleties and a large number of the friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

RELIEF COMMITTER,-At the regular weekly meeting of the Supply Committee for the Relief of the Poor held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association there were reported 537 families relieved with 1,933 inmates. The demands for relief seem to be still on the increase. The committees are to meet this afternoon at 41 o'clock.

THE NEW RESERVOIR .- The Council Committee on Water were in session yest erday from 12 M. until 5 P. M., discussing various The committee made the following appointments: James McClerland, superintendent; - Walters, manager of pudling; Charles Baker, clerk; James Butler, blacksmith; A. L. Phillips, first foreman; John Taylor, of the act. second foreman; A. Krause, waterman; W. Baker, second waterman.

THE TEMPORARY CITY HALL .- Workmen were engaged yesterday in removing the fence around the new City Hall lot, on Broad street, preparatory to work upon the temporary building, which is to be commenced at

THE COLEMAN CASE.—The case of W. D. Coleman was called in the Hustings Court yesterday, and continued until to-day. Messrs. Flournoy and Barksdale bave been retained as counsel for Mr. Coleman, General Bradley T. Johnson retring from the case.

THE RECENT DEFALCATION .-- The special joint committee of the General Assembly appointed to investigate the defalcation of the Scoretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have concluded the examination of the bonds, records, and pa-

pers in the office of the Board. In a day or two they will commence taking oral evidence pertinent to the subject of their in-DEAD BART FOUND .- The dead body of

white female infant was found Sunday morning on Washington street near the Chesa-

Patrick county; Jacob F. Clemmer, Middle with the intent to give preference to one of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer O'Brien. brook, Augusta county; and George W. or more of his creditors, &c.

## DISPANC.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1874. RICHMOND, VA.,

Important Proceedings in Bankruptcy

Petition of the Trustees of the Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Savings Bank against Mr. John E. Bossieux.

MR. BOSSIEUX ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE BANKRUPT LAW.

Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock Mr Thomas G. Jackson, counsel representing the trustees of the Mutual Building Fund and Savings Bank of Richmond, presented to Judge Hughes, of the United States Disout half-past 6 o'clock, in the fifty- trict Court, sitting in chambers, the follow-

CREDITORS' PETITION.

To the Hop. Robert W. Hughes, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia:

The petition of I. S. Tower, L. C. Crump Henry Bodeker, F. L. Swift, M. Claggett, and E. J. Warren, trustees of the Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Savings Bank, of the city of Richmond, and said Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Savings Bank, of the city of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, and State of Virginia, respectfully show that they are creditors of John E. Bossieux, who for the period of twelve months next preceding the date of the filing of this petition has resided at the city of Richmond, in the county of Henricc, in the State of Virginia, district aforesaid; that your petitioners' demands are provable against the said John E. Bossieux in accordance with the provisious of the act of Congress enti-" An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2, 1867; that they believe that the said John E. Bossieux owes debts to an amount exceeding the sun of three hundred dollars; that your petitioners' demands exceeds the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars, and that the nature of your petitioners' demands against the said John E. Bossieux are as follows-to

wit: 1st. Eleven thousand nine hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventeen cents of interest overdrawn by him from said Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Savings Bank. 2d. A very large amount of money-the exact amount of which your petitioners cannot now ascertain-received by him for the said Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Sayings Bank and appropriated by him for his

own uses and purposes. 3d. A promissory note for \$2,104.69 made by John E. Bossieux, trustee, on the 18th day of December, 1873, payable five months atter date to his own order at the Dollar Savings Bank, and by him endorsed as trustee. 4th. A promissory note for \$1,152.93 made by John E. Bossieux on the 21st day of November, 1870, payable to his own order four months after date at the Dollar Savings Bank, and by him endorsed.

5th. A promissory note for \$976.23 made by John E. Bossieux on the 2d day of October, 1873, and payable four months after date to his own order at the Dollar Savings Bank, and by him endorsed.

Your petitioners further represent that within six calendar months next preceding the date of this petition the said John E Bossieux did commit an act of bankruptcy within the meaning of this act-to wit: In that the said John E. Bossieux within the period aforesaid-to wit: At the city of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, in the State of Virginia, in said district, on the 14th day of November, A. D., 1873, being possessed of certain property-to wit: Lots , 2, 3, and 4, in square No. 17, in the town of Fulton, with buildings and improvements thereon; an interest in the undivided real estate of his father, the late John M. Bossieux, a tract of land in the county of Henrico containing 42 118-1000 acres, and a tract of land in Henrico county containing 32 885. 1000 acres, did, with the intent to hinder, defraud, or delay his creditors, convey, assign, give, grant, and transfer said property to J. G. Blackwell, in trust, to secure Bossieux & Brother the payment of a promisory note supposed they could obtain the money with-on the 2d day of March, 1872, payable to the order of Bossieux & Brother, six months after date, at the Dollar Savings Bank at Richmond, discountable at the rate of twelve per centum per annum, and bear-

ing interest at the same rate until paid. In that the said John E. Bossieux, within the period aforesaid-to wit: at the city of Richmond, in the county of Henrico, in the State of Virginia, in said district, on the 14th day of December, 1873, being a bankrupt, or insolvent, and being possessed of certain property—to wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the town of Fulton, part of square No. 17 of that town, with buildings fire was caused by the partial burning of and improvements thereon; an interfather, the late John M. Bossieux, a tract of land in the county of Henrico containing 42 118-1000 acres, and a tract of land in the county of Henrico containing 32 885-1000 acres, did give, grant, transfer, and convey the same unto J. G. Blackwell in trust to secure Bossieux & Brother the payment of a promissory note for \$4,560, made by John E. Bossieux on the 2d day of March, 1872, pay- over the railing and attempted escape, was tion, one and one-half percentum of the able to the order of Bossieux & Brother six in court upon a charge of breaking and value. months after date at the Dollar Savings Bank at Richmond, discountable at the rate of

> give a preference to one or more of his creditors. In that the said John E. Bossieux, &c. &c., did give, grant, transfer, and convey the | \$1 for rough language to Jane. same (four lots in Fulton and two tracts of land in Henrico) to J. G. Blackwell in trust to secure Bossieux & Bro. the payment of a promissory note for \$4,560 made by John E. Bossieux, payable to the order of Bossieux & Bro. six months after date at the Dollar Savings Bank at Richmond, discountable at the rate of 12 per centum per annum and bearing interest at the same rate until paid, with the intent by such disposition of his property to defraud or delay the operations

twelve per centum per annum and bearing

interest at the same rate until paid, with the

In that the said John E. Bossieux, within the period aforesaid, &c., &c., &c., being possessed of certain property-to wit: a lot of land in that part of the city of Richmond known as Port Mayo, fronting fifty feet on the east side of Seventh street and running back within parallel lines ninety-four feet to an alley twelve feet wide, did, with the intent to binder, delay, or detraud his creditors, convey, give, grant, or assign the same to J. G. Blackwell in trust to the holder thereof the payment of a promissory note for \$500, made by John E. Bossieux on the 7th day of January, 1874, and payable to his own order six months after date, and by him

In that the said John E. Bossieux within the period aforesaid, &c., &c., being possessed of a lot of land in that part of the city of Richmond known as Port Mayo [property before described], did give, grant the same to J. G. Blackwell, in trust, to se cure to the holder thereof the payment of a promissory note for \$500, made by said Bos sleux on the 7th of January, 1874, and payaable to his own order four months after date, &c., &c., with the intent to defeat the operations of the act, &c.

In that the said John E. Bossieux within Deake and Obio Railroad shops. It was prized in the hands of the Coroner.

Notables Public.—The following notaries public were vesterday appointed by the Governor: B. H. Floyd, of Penn's Store, Patrick county; Jacob F. Clemmer, Middle-like with the intent to give preference to one of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer O'Brien.

the periodaloresaid, &c., &c., did give, grant, &c., the lot in Port Mayo [before described] unto J. G. Blackwell, in trust, to secure to the holder thereof the payment of a promissory note for \$500, made by John E. Bostiev on the 7th of January, 1874, payable to his own order four months after date, with the intent to give preference to one of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer O'Brien.

Sinking Fund.

Complimentaby Testimonial.—The Mc-City Hospital and Board of Health City police.

City Hospital and Board of Health City police.

City

has not resumed the payment of his com- ture at the same place next week,

mercial paper within the period of fourteen

In that the said John E. Bossleux, in the period aforesaid, &c., &c., being a banker, broker, merchant, trader, manufacturer, or miner, did fraudulently suspend, and has not resumed the payment of his commercial paper within a period of fourteen days.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that the said John E. Boissieux may be declared a bankrupt, and that a warrant may be issued to take possession of his estate, and that the same may be distributed according to law, and that said further proceedings may be bad therein as the law in such case pre-I. S. TOWER, scribes. HENRY BODEKER,

who sign for ourselves and co-trustees, and the Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Savings Bank of the city of Richmond. Thomas G. Jackson and Howard & Wise, solicitors for petitioning creditors.

[Here follows the usual oath of petitioners as to the statements made, subscribed to before United States Commissioner Atkins.] Upon considering the above petition and another praying an injunction and the seizure of the person and property of John E. Bossieux, Judge Hughes issued the following order of injunction, arrest, &c.:

ORDER OF THE COURT. United States District Court for the Eastfor adjudication of bankruptcy was filed on street westwardly from its

the 9th day of March, 1874. Upon filing proof sustaining the allegations in the petition aforesaid it is ordered that John E. Bossieux, therein mentioned, appear at this court as a court of bankruptcy Bank between Tenth and Eleventh streets, o'clock A. M., and show cause, if any time. there be, why the prayer of said petition hould not be granted; and it is further ordered that in the mean time and until the further order of this court the said John E. Bossieux is hereby enjoined and restrained and forbidden from making any transfer or disposition of his property or any portion thereof not excepted by the bankrupt act from the operation thereof and from any interference therewith except to preserve the same, and that an injunction issue out of and under the seal of this court to the above purport and effect; and t is further ordered that a warrant issue out of and under the seal of this court to the marshal of the said district commanding him to arrest the said John E. Bossieux and him safely keep until he shall give bail to the satisfaction of the court in the sum of five thousand dollars for his appearance from time to time until the decision of the court upon the said petition or the further order of the court, and forthwith to take possession, provisionally, of all the property, real and personal, of the said John E. Bossieux and of all of his deeds, books of account, papers, and evidences of debt within this district, and safely keep the same until the further order of the court.

And it is further ordered that in the mean time, and until the further order of the court, that J. T. Blackwell be and is hereby enjoined and restrained and forbidden from selling or disposing of, or in any manner interfering with, except to preserve the same, the real estate conveyed to him by John E Bossieux on the 14th November, 1873, and the 8th of January, 1874. And it is further ordered that a copy of said petition, and the petition praying an injunction and the behalf of the "Dollar Savings Bank" for seizure of the person and property of John E. Bossieux, with a copy of this order, be served on said John E. Bossieux by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving the same at his last usual place of abode in said district at least five days previous to the day herein required for his appearance. Ro. W. Hughes,

District Judge. Richmond, 9th March, 1874. WARRANT OF ARREST.

In accordance with the prayer of the petitioners and the order of the Judge the clerk of the court yesterday atternoon issued a warrant of arrest for Mr. Bossieux and placed the same in the hands of the United | tion that it be referred to the Committee on States Marshal. The accused was arrested about 5 o'clock P. M. by Deputy Marshal Nye, and was immediately brought before United States Commissioner Atkins, The ball fixed by the court-\$5,000-was given, Captain Louis J. Bossieux becoming surety for his brother's appearance to await the decision of the court upon the complaints

UNITED STATES DISTRICT CO RT. IN CHAM-BERS--Judge Hughes presiding. -- Orders were entered yesterday in the cas of Harvey & Co. vs. Jacobs and of Armist d and Morton rs. Jacobs. Orders were ale entered in the bankrupt cases of W. M. Band George

W. Wroten. The court then adjourned until Thursday hold court in Alexandria.

POLICE COURT, MONDAY .- Justice White .-The court-room was crowded, principally with negroes interested in the causes of friends charged with breaches of the law. Henry Simes, the negro who produced such a sensation on Saturday by his leap entering in the night the poultry-house of Mr. John P. Quarles, and stealing \$50 worth | money and credits, stock and capital investof fowls. As the prosecution was not prepared for the trial Sims was recommitted for in any business for which a license-tax is

intent by such disposition of his property to a hearing to-day. Jane Patterson (negro), guilty of cursing to jail for ten days; and Jackson was fined banks and insurance companies, and all

Cynthia Hamilton (negro), guilty of an assault upon Maria Jackson, was fined \$5.

Amelia Patterson and Wiliam Philips, guilty of mutual abuse, were fined 22 each. Philip Harris, for an unprovoked assault upon Max Cohen, was fined \$10 and committed for five days.

PERSONAL .- Dr. E. G. Higginbotham, of New York; Hon. Thomas S. Flournoy, and Elisha Barksdale, Esq., are in the city. Dr. George W. Friend qualified yesterday

as member of the House of Delegates from Chesterfield county. United States Senators W. Pinckney Whyte and James Dennis, and Attorney-General Isaac D. Jones, of Maryland, who have been appointed to convey to our General Assembly certain resolutions proposing a friendly settlement of the question of the boundary line between the two States are expected to arrive in this city the last of this

or the first of next week. Adjutant-General Richardson, who was hurt last week by being thrown to the ground by a passing wagon, is still confined to his room, though he is in an improving condition. Rev. M. T. Lipps, member of the House

of Delegates from Buchanan and Wise counties, preached to the convicts of the penitentiary Sunday morning. JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CANAL. There will be a meeting of the friends of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company

in the hall of the House of Delegates this morning at 10 o'clock to consider the bill to enable the James River and Kanawha Company to extend their canal to some point favor of such increase or addition; said vote on Jackson's river west of Clifton Forge,"

Carter, of this city.

Or more of his creditors, &c.

In that the said John E. Bossieux, in the period aforesaid, &c., &c., being a banker, broker, merchant, trader, manufacturer, or and Elisha Barksoule qualified to practice has not resumed the payment of his combined to payment of his combined to payment of his combined to his combined to his combined to payment of his combined to his combined to payment of his combined to his combined to his combined to payment of his combined to his combined to payment of his combined to his combin

THE CITY COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The Appropriation Ordinance Passed de, de, de. The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon,

Thomas H. Wynne, president, in the chair, The following councilmen were present, and responded to their names: Bargamin, Braselman, Chesterman, Davis. English of Marshall, English of Monroe Forrester, Hall, Higgins, Jones, Lipscomb Manly, Newberry, Starke, Scott of Jeffer son, Straus, Talbot, Todd, Tower, Wagner

Whitlock. STREETS GENERALLY.

Mr. Newberry, from the Committee or Streets, submitted a report recommending that the petition of John E. Bossieux, presi dent, and the directors of the Richmond Williamsburg and Central Turnpike Company be returned to the president, Mr. Bos sieux; that the petition of R. M. Manly, ern District of Virginia: In the matter of treasurer Elba Park Real Estate Asso John E. Bossleux, against whom a petition ciation, for the grading of Marshall terminus, 313 feet through Elba Park to Hancock street be granted, estimated cost about \$360; that a flagging be laid on the north side of Grace street crossing Twentythird street, estimated cost about \$74. The o be holden at the court-house thereof, on committee return the resolution as to opening, grading, and improving the streets on in the city of Richmond and district afore- Union Hill, as they deem it inexpedient to said, on the 14th day of March, 1874, at 10 make a general survey and report at this

> The petitions of J. B. Watkins, Timothy Kerse, F. Laube, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Denoon, and P. W. Harwood, are returned to the Council for various reasons assigned by the committee.

The report was adopted. FINANCE.

Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Finance, submitted a report; which was read as follows:

The Committee on Finance, after due consideration of the following petitions, beg leave to submit their recommendations thereon—viz.,
Of Peyton Wise: Remit to him \$30 tax on

\$2,000 of personal property erroneously assessed. Of W. B. Stanard: Refund to him \$10.50 tax on three and a quarter acres of land er-

roneously assessed in his name, the same being also charged to real owner. Of Louise Delarue: Relieve ber from pay ment of tax-penalty of \$4,80 for delay in

payment of bill of 1873. Of J. Adair Pleasants : Remit tax of \$50 assessed against him as insurance agent, the same having been also charged to and paid by P. T. Moore, for whom said Pleasants is

Of B. F. Eakle: Refund to him \$24.75 tax and penalty on \$1,500 insurance-company stock improperly reported and assessed for

Of William H. Sutherland: Refund to him \$57 improperly assessed and paid for 1871 and 1872, as property-tax on vehicles kept for hire, on which license-tax had also been paid. Of E. J. Warren: Reject his petition on

elease from tax-penalty of delay in payment of taxes. Of Osborn Watson: Reject his application for the refunding of \$50 fine imposed on him

as sample-merchant acting contrary to ordi-The committee have examined and approved the reports of the Auditor and Treasurer for January last, and return them

They also respectfully return the certificate of the clerk of the Hustings Court relative to sums due various parties-in the aggre gate \$6,300-for lands condemned for city uses on Shafer street, with the recommenda

Streets for investigation and report. The committee respectfully submit for your consideration and action ordinances concerning "the sinking fund," "estate and persons," "appropriations for 1874, &c.," and "licenses."

The committee take occasion here to state for your imformation that from a report prepared by the Auditor it appears that the assets of the city amounted on the 1st February, 1874, to the sum of \$3,490,960.

## The report was adopted. Ordinances Adopted. SINKING FUND.

In conformity with the report of the Fi nance Committee the ordinance in relation to the sinking fund-creating the Mayor, To-day and to-morrow Judge Hughes will the city Treasurer, and the chairman of the Committee of Finance—a board to be called The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund"-was taken up, discussed, and

finally adopted. The ordinance for the levying and collection of taxes was also adopted as follows:

ESTATE AND PERSONS. " On all real estate not exempt from taxa-

"On all personal property - including ed-not exempt from taxation or employed paid to the city, one and one-half percentum of the value, and herein shall be included and abusing John Jacason (negro), was sent | the capital stock and assets of all savings shares of stock in any bank or other corporation doing business in the city upon the capital stock of which no tax is imposedthe taxes upon such shares to be paid by the

cashier or principal officer of the company. " On each male resident of the city a polltax of fifty cents, to be applied only to the support of the public schools; and no child shall be entered in any such school whose father, if resident in the city, shall not have

paid his poll-tax." APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE. The appropriation ordinance was next

adopted, as follows:

1st. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of Richmond, That all unexpended appropriations, as well as all balances in excess of appropriations, standing on the books of the Auditor at the end of the past fiscal year, 31st of January, 1874, except such as apply to: Streets generally, \$2,667.95; horses and carts, \$1,618; culverts, \$9,912.73; St. Paul's Church Home, \$125; extension of the water-works, \$11,920.10; compensation to judges, \$249.90; revision of ordinances \$1,000; James River improvement, \$8,461.11 Howitzer armory, \$3,000; Oakwood Cemetery road, \$110; First Virginia regiment, \$1,600; construction of new reservoir,

the Auditor is hereby empowered and directed to balance his books accordingly. 2d. That there be appropriated from the funds and resources of the city for the fiscal year ending 31st January, 1875, the following sums, and for the purposes here mertioned; and that the said sums shall not in any case be increased or added to except by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council in

\$275,000, and James River Bridge Company,

\$2,000, shall be considered as cancelled, and

to be taken by ayes and noes: Hands and carts......

Female Humane Association..... Richmond Male Orphan Asylum... St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum... St. Paul's Church Home..... St. John's Burying Ground.....

Pensioners
Fire Department
Fire Department
Fire Alarm Telegraph
Stationery and Printing
Salary of Officers
Construction Gas-Works
Expenses and Coal for Gas-Works
Construction Water-Works
Expenses Water-Works
Redund of taxes
school Board
Assessment of taxes 

in the Council Chamber, on Broad street-

> \$942,172 45 Provided, That the quarterly payment of the foregoing appropriations of \$1,000 each, to the Friends' Colored Orphan Asylum, the Female Humane Association, the Richmond Male Orphan Asylum, and the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, and of \$500 to St. Paul's Church Home, shall authorize the Council Committee on the Relief of the Poor, to place and keep in each of the said asylums, without any additional charge to the city, a number of children not exceeding five, to be selected by said committee from such as may be from time to time admitted at the city almshouse; and in case of the refusal on the part of any of the above mentioned institutions to receive and keep any child so selected, the appropriation to such institution shall be withdrawn, and the payment thereof shall cease, upon order of said Committee on the Relief of the Poor, addressed in writing to the Auditor of the city.

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LICENSES.

The Council next discussed the ordinance imposing a license-tax, which is similar to the ordinance on this subject adopted last year except in the case of agents and subagents of insurance companies. The section on this subject is as follows:

"No person other than a salaried officer acting in behalf of an insurance company whose principal office is situate in the city, and taxed upon its capital and assets, shall engage in the business of soliciting or receiving applications for nsurance in any insurance company, or receiving and forwarding, directly or indirectly, through any agents thereof, payments of premiums on policies already sued by any insurance company without obtaining a license. Every person engaged in such business, and communicating, direc'ly or indirectly, through any other than its licensed resident agent with an insurance company whose principal office is not situated in the city shall be deemed an agent of such company. All other persons engaged in such business shall be deemed sub-agents."

This ordinance was adopted, and the Council next took up the ordinance concernng sample-merchants. At 9:50 Mr. Bargamin moved to repeal the

ordinance. Pending a discussion of the sub-

ect a motion to adjourn until this (Tuesday) afternoon at 5 o'clock prevailed. Annual Message of the Mayor.

INTERESTING RESUME OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Police, Fire, Gas, and Water

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Departments.

MORTUARY STATISTICS ETC., ETC., ETC.

have been presented to the City Council last night, but the press of other matters prevented it. It will probably come before the neeting this afternoon: MAYOR'S OFFICE, )

RICHMOND, March 9, 1874.

The following is Mayor Keiley's annual

To the City Council: Gentlemen.-The review of the year which closed with the last day of January, 1874 presents us with many and varied causes for thankfulness. We have been signally spared from the devastation of pestilence which blighted so many southern cities. None of those appalling accidents which claimed so many victims in the past awakened the cry of mourning within our doors in 1873. We have been exempt to a degree not only unexampled in our own annals, but without parallel probably in the history of any American city, from losses by fire or flood. Unbroken public order has reigned among us; and while in common with every commercial and manufacturing commu nity in the country our business interests suffered from the great financial panic of the fall there has been no revolting abatement of that hopeful courage of our people, tried in the furnace of so many and

great afflictions, to which Richmond owes whatever she boasts of achievement or promise to-day. I transmit herewith the various reports of the heads of the departments of public, administration. They will be found unusu ally full of information and suggestions, and present a picture of the condition of the city as satisfactory as could be expected. During the year a reassessment of the real estate of the city was made under order of the Council, from which it appears that the taxable real property now in the city aggre gates \$29,166,979, an increase of \$2,216,736 over the previous assessment. Of this sum about one million of dollars represents the construction of new buildings or additions and improvements to old ones made during

The United States census of 1870 having been negligently taken, a new listing of the population was made in January, from which it appears that our present inhabitants number 83,492 whites and 27,213 colored, or an aggregate of 60,705; and while the financial distress arrested operations partially or totally in every branch of large manufactures, there has been a notable and stendy increase in commercial enterprise-a direction in which it is safe to predict that the coming year will witness even more satisfactory results.

PINANCE.

The bonded debt of the city on the 1st of February, 1874, was \$3,977,990.97-the floating debt less cash balance in the public treasury, \$62,251.94. The bonded debt, therefore, amounts to about thirteen and twothirds per cent, of the taxable real estate of Richmond, or nine and two-thirds of the whole taxable property of the city. The estimated value of the costs of the city is \$3,490,960. So that the bonded debt is about half a million in excess of the actual possessions of the city in its corporate capacity.

It is likely, indeed certain, that for improvements now in prospect, or in progress, a considerable addition will ere long be made to the bonded debt, and I suggest to the Council the expediency of providing that in all future issues the coppons for interest be made payable, at the option of the holder, in Rich-

railroad security in the country bearing like total receipts for gas during the year officers, as I am happy to attest—to weed out interest is, in my judgment, as valuable as amounted to \$168,583. the bonds of an improving city whose wealth bears to its indebtedness as large a proportion as that of Richmond. Every dollar's the period 1872 1872 1873:

familiar form and easy application. Nevertheless, the market for city bonds is almost Difference........ 15,831 always confined to the limits of the city which issues them, while railroad securities are almost as invariably not sold at home One of the reasons of this must be that in the one case the interest is collectable at the the other only at the point-it may be re-

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mote-where issued. I again call attention to the necessity of conforming to the law which requires the creation of a sinking fund whenever a new debt is incurred, as well as to meet the existing debt.

Next year \$40.887 of our six per cent. re gistered bonds will mature, and should be extinguished; and during the six following years bonds to the amount of \$374,562 more will reach maturity. As at present conducted the sinking fund meets none of the requirements contemplated in its provision,

A bourd should be created under whose control and to whose credit the revenues of the sinking fund should be placed, and these revenues should be held as a sacred trust for the extinguishment of the public debt under all circumstances. The semi-annual payments of interest and

the discharge of the principal of the debt should be under the control of this board, and revenues should be provided to enable the board to meet with certainty these obli-Payments on account of the public debt should be made by this board, and separate

accounts kept so as to prevent absolutely the intermingling of the funds of the city applicable to this purpose from all others. The estimated ordinary expenditure for to \$935,882.45, of which \$265,636 are for interest. This sum can be raised without diffi-

culty, without any increase of the rate of

taxation. At one and a half per cent. this will realize house as a protection to the coke men. \$615,000. We may expect from licenses. \$33,000; from gas, \$170,000; from water, \$61,000-total, \$878,000. Leaving to be collected from miscellaneous sources, \$47,882. During no year since I have been in office has the revenue from these sources fallen as during the coming year.

Before concluding this branch of my mes sage I desire to record my profound sense benefit at a comparatively low cost. of the obligations the city is under to the Finance Committee, and especially the intelligent and indefatigable chairman, for the diligence, fidelity, and success with which, during a period of great embarrassment, they have discharged their duties. If the Council shall support their efforts by a strict economy, and especially by rigidly confining the various sources of expenditure to the amounts appropriated therefor, the finances of the city in present hands will be satisfactorily managed.

THE PAOR. tates officer having charge of the division ger certain blanks indicating the character of information deemed valuable in connection with the almshouse. He at once inwill be found in the valuable tables accomalmshouse, but their nativity, occupations,

di-eases, amount of education, religious belief, and the like. The average of paupers fed in the almshouse in 1873, was 228; that of the preceed-year being 237. The cost of subsistence was message. It was expected that it would \$50.55 per capita, an increase of \$8.21 over the year 1872. I am unaware of any reason per cent, in the cost of feeding the inmates. In the department of out-door relief there was issued during the year 3,080 bushels of

> 724 bushels of meal, and 818 cords of wood over the preceding year. The expenditures on this account would have been greatly in excess of these figures but for the formation of a relief committee of citizens under the auspices and encouragement of the clergymen of the city, to which the Council has made liberal contributions. To this committee some of our worthiest citizens of both sexes have generously given their services, and by their aid, be associated with the almshouse. The dis- twentieth of one per cent. of the assessed tinction is between the needy and paupers, value of the taxable property of Richmond to maintain rigidly; and, moreover, the au- that it would be folly to expect a continu would themselves, I doubt not, be glad to be unwise therefore to measure our interest of relieved of a distribution which entails on efforts in reference to the Fire Department them much thankless and unpaid labor, and by this exceptional experience. I concur i which, of necessity, must be totally inade-quate to the support of those in want. his suggestion that a hose company be fo-cated somewhere in the section bounded by

I again take pleasure in referring to the admirable manuer in which the almshouse, lying south of the Capitol Square. in both its white and colored departments, is cient and systematic character of the superintendent, Mr. Bigger, and his assistant, Captain Epps.

During the past year not a single comthe almshouse of imposition, cruelty, or maladministration in any particular.

I take especial pleasure in referring to the very satisfactory condition of this depart

The irregularities detected in the Inspector's office during the previous year, the examination of which occupied so much of worst of the products of pretroieum and the time of the Council and myself, coupled rosin has been prevented. with very frequent complaints of the impurity and insufficiency of the gas furnished, combined to attract unusal attention to this branch of the public service.

The Committee on Light addressed themselves to the reformation and remedy of these abuses and evils with a success attested by the unexampled circumstance that during the past year there has not been, so far as I am able to recall, a solitary well founded complaint of the impurity or scarcity or low lluminating power of the gas furnished, nor a single imputation of negligence, much less criminality, in the Inspector's department. This latter department was during 1873

for the first time placed on a proper footing. A different system for keeping the accounts placed under the eye of that official—a set of herewith communicated. books was introduced which afforded some. To the general efficiency and excellent con-opportunity for the detection of errors, and duct of the force I am glad to bear witness the whole management of the office was in this as on every previous pecasion on changed, with what effect cannot be better which it has been my duty to refer to it. I I see no reason why the eight per cent. Illustrated than by the fact that while the bonds of a city as solvent and of as unimpeachable credit as Richmond should not altered thousands of dollars those of 1873, in a ways sell above par, except that the market larger consumption, amounted to but \$370; ter, and unexceptionable habits; and it has the larger consumption, amounted to but \$370; ter, and unexceptionable habits; and it has the larger consumption are recognized by the larger co for their sale is restricted by this form. No a trifling sum when we remember that the been my constant alm-and that o

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worth of public and private property is, in effect, pledged to the extinguishment of the debt. Unlike a railroad, the security is always greatly in excess of the obligation, and the legal means of coercing payment are of familiar form and easy application. Never-12.524 52.058

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TERMS OF ADVERTISING

Proft..... 61.819 8 64.582 To the profits of 1873 should be alse carried the value of the coal on hand February 1st, 1874, which had been paid for in exc great money-centre of the country, and in of the amount on hand February 1st, 1875, which would aid \$6,000 to this profit.

This exhibit, gratifying as it is, would have been more so but for the fact that, for a considerable portion of the summer and fall, the committee was compelled to buy coal at unusually high rates abroad, on account of the unexpected stoppage of operaon which we depend chiefly for our supply in

ordinary times. The work, are in excellent condition; the storage capacity for coat and the manufacture ring and storage capacity for gas are ample.
With the present retorts the production and, indeed, there has been little pretence of could be increased, if need required. ally even a formal compliance with the law.

A hourd should be increased, if need required. ally millions of cubic feet per annum, and the storage capacity is ample for a much ingeriannual production. Under the judicious: management now prevailing, and with the increasing facilities for obtaining coal of the highest illuminating power and having the same brought to the doors of the work, it is safe to predict that unless some accident intervenes the city will each year find the policy of retaining this valuable franchise in her.

own hands more fully vindleated. I am glad to be able to endorse the favorable mention which the committee and thet superintendent make of the character and habits of the hands in this department, compliment none the less creditable from the circumstance that similar praise may justly be bestowed on the city employes generally. With exceptions rarer than is usual in citient the year ending January 31, 1875, amounts of the size of Richmond, our various departments are served by a body of men conspicuous for their sobriety, hone-ty, intelligence and faithfulness.

I concur heartily in the recommendation The estimated taxable property, real and of the slight and comparatively unexpensives personal, in the city, amounts to \$41,000,000. improvement of a shed in front of the retort.

I also recommend that as long as we maintain the system of out-door relief to the needy a certain proportion of the surplus coke be placed during the winter months at the disposal of the Committee for the Relief. of the Poor. The surplus of production over low as \$50,000, so that if the appropriation the needs of the works for fuel amounted last bills are adhered to we may anticipate no year to nearly one hundred thousand bush trouble in meeting ordinary expenditures els. If one part of this was regularly set apart for the poor, it would, especially in the eastern portion of the city, prove a great

WATER. The current expense account of the Water! Works during the past year amounted to \$25,100, the water rates to \$58,187, leaving the net receipts \$33,037. The construction account foots up \$18,000, and there was paid for enlargement of the works \$109,800.

I had hoped to be able to announce the putting in operation of the turbine wheel on which we expect to rely for a water supply when by reason of excessive freshets theordinary wheels are stopped from the overflow. The delay is accounted for by the com-The annual report of the Superintendent mittee and superintendent on the ground of the Almsbouse is of unusual interest this the great weight of the machinery and the year from the circumstance that for the first suspension of work by reason of high water. time in the history of the institution its statistics have been fully and accurately kept. laid down and lateral pipes of larger dlame-After some correspondence with the United ter than the old pipes have been conducted from Cary through several of the cross a of pauper statisties in connection with the By this means the Main-street main has been Census Department at Washington, I pro- relieved of work with which it was overcured and forwarded to Superintendent Big- charged, and preparation made for an abuse dant supply of water in those parts of the city where the heaviest business is done, an improvement whose advantages in time of terested himself in the matter, and the result fire are manifest. When the Cary-street main shall be supplied from an adequate feeder is panying his report, wherein he shows not will prove the most efficient fire-engine that

only the age and sex of the inmates of the could be placed in that part of the city. The present pumps are, and have been for years, taxed to their utmost capacity. To relieve them and provide for an accident that may occur at any moment, a steam-pump

Steps have already been taken for the construction of a new reservoir, made nece why there should be this advance of over 16 sary by our steady increase in population, by the total inadequacy of the present one to insure a supply to the high points of the city on Shockoe and Church Hills, and by meal, and 962 cords of wood; an increase of the indispensable necessity of sufficient storage to carry the city safely through the

long periods of summer drought. When this is completed we shall have, with the completion of the new pumping appliances now in process of execution, supply of water amply adequate for the wants of the city for thirty years to come.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. The reports of the engineer and the Council committee in charge of this department and especially through a systematic visita-tion of the poor, a vast amount of suffering has been relieved. I indulge the hope that this of the firemen. Fortunately our city has will become a permanent organization, and been exempt from fire during the past year resume, with the approach of each winter, to an extent not only unexampled in her its beneficent offices to the needy. I am the bistory, but, I presume, of any city of apmore desirous of this result because I am proximate size in the Union. The persuaded that the system of out-door poor total losses by fire during the year relief, as it is called, is one that should not amounted to \$20,235-or less than one which it is the interest of every community The chief engineer properly remarks thorities having the almshouse in hand ance of this unexampled good fortune, and

Ninth and Twelfth or Fourteenth streets and Even with the existing head of water, and kept and managed—a result due to the effimuch more when the new reservoir is completed, such a company would be as ser able as the most efficient steamer, and if Stted up with even three bunks, that so many of the company might sleep at the house, its plaint has reached me from either branch of superior promptness in reaching the fire would render it of great service. The locality spoken of contains probably three times as much of value in buildings and goods as any other of equal area in the city.

I am glad to notice a diminution in the ac-

cidental fires from the explosion of kerosine. and do not doubt that under the ordinance respecting illuminating oils passed, or rather amended, last spring, the sale of some of the The commendations bestowed by the committee on the officers and men of the department are well merited. They were called out forty-four times during the year-the

fires on only seven occasions involving a loss of over a thousand dollars-and when called on responded promptly. Their appo ratus of all kinds is in perfect order, and their equipments all that is desired. The ne-cessity for a new engine-house in lieu of the dilapidated building on Eighteenth street is

In this, as in other departments of the pub lic service, a more thorough system in the conduct of its business has been established during the past year, and one result is tound was inaugurated—that branch of the office in the greater completeness and variety of which connected it with the Auditor was the statistics found in the report of the Chief,

In one respect alone I am unable to report PARAMERIES DE LOURES TARRES